

he had done this, the corvette, with a fair wind behind her, left the island to the north-west, after getting little more than a glimpse of its southern portion through the haze and fog.

Fortune favoured the first few weeks of the voyage. The passengers on the *Unicorn* were delighted with the weather, as well as with the cordial treatment which they received from the commander and the other officers. When they all met at table in the officers⁵ mess, or under the awning on the poop, the conversation generally turned upon the wonders of New Switzerland. If the corvette met with nothing to delay her they all hoped to see it again within the year.

Fritz and Jenny often talked of Colonel Montrose, and of the gladness that would be his when he clasped in his arms the daughter whom he had thought he would never see again. For three years no news had been received of the *Dorcas*, whose loss with nearly all hands had been confirmed by the survivors who had been taken to Sydney. But when they reached England Jenny would present to her father the man who had rescued Her, and would beg him to bless their union*

As for Frank, though Dolly Wolstoa

was only
fourteen, it would not be without a
bitter pang that
he would leave her at Cape Town, and
keen would be
his longing to come back to her side ! -
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After crossing the Tropic, off the Isle
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